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Salisbury University's Student Voice

February 16, 2010

SU Volunteer Center celebrates grand opening

By Jacqueline Miller
Staff Writer

The Volunteer Center, which just hosted its grand opening Monday, Feb. 15, is a place for students to expand their knowledge and gain experience in the field of their future professional endeavors.

Administration, school deans, representatives from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, a former ShoreCAN director, and some students took part in the celebratory grand opening.

Project Linus was highlighted and refreshments were served at the event.

Although the Volunteer Center office is a cubicle in the Student Activities Office, there is a fully-functioning online component to the Volunteer Center.

The Center was initiated by SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach and put together by a committee including members of SOAP, PACE and the SGA. The program is intended to take the place of the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center that the University previously had, which was recently taken over by the Com-

munity Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The Volunteer Center is a modified version of ShoreCAN and more tailored to SU students and the community of Salisbury. Students can browse events and organizations by major and sign up online individually or as a group. The program is targeted towards organizations that offer valuable experience, allowing students to accentuate their skills and their resumes. Volunteers can choose from a wide variety of community partners, including the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the Human Society along with many others.

"It's a win-win situation," said Director of Career Services Dr. Becky Emery. "Win for students in their personal development and resumes and for the community as a whole."

According to the Volunteer Center's Web site, their mission is to be "committed to serving the community and University by offering meaningful connections between students who care

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R.L. Pusey photo

Graduate Assistant of Volunteerism Ashley Dickinson, Sammy the Sea Gull, Career Services Director Becky Emery, and Volunteer Center student employee Gwen Jackson pose with Linus Project blankets during the Volunteer Center's grand opening on Monday, Feb. 15 in the Wicomico Room.



Vanessa Junkin photo

Housing and Residence Life staff Rachel Lupinetti, left, and Jaime Marzocchi shovel the walkway in between St. Martin and Chesapeake Halls on Thursday, Feb. 11, after the third snowstorm to hit SU since school started.

Snow stuns Salisbury

Final exams to start Saturday, May 15

By Michael Piorunski
Staff Writer

Record snowfalls and severe winter weather crippled Salisbury University and the mid-Atlantic region in the past two weeks, as the campus and the community still find themselves digging out from the snow.

The most severe of the recent snow events began Friday, Feb. 5, and continued through until Sunday. Snowfall of more than one foot pothered university and city crews, who both struggled to clear roads and walkways left blanketed from the storm.

"The weather has indeed been spectacular," said Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Diane Allen in an e-mail to SU faculty and staff.

On Monday, Feb. 8, the City of Salisbury activated the local Emergency Operations Notification System after the second of three winter weather systems left both main roads and side

streets covered with snow. The storm also forced SU officials to cancel class for second consecutive Monday.

"I got snowed in with friends, so it was a lot of fun," said SU student Michelle Gallagher, adding, "Salisbury freaks out when it snows."

Many students like freshman Zach Heeter advantageously utilized their long weekend and the seasonal bounty to disport themselves in true winter fashion.

"I had a few snowball fights," said Heeter, who lives on campus.

Others joined the locals at the infamous hill at the Elks Lodge on Memorial Drive to go sledding.

"I stayed in because [The Commons] closed down early," said freshman Josh Pagotto.

A third round of severe winter weather including sleet, freezing rain and more snow pummeled the region again beginning the night of Tuesday,



Vanessa Junkin photo

This plow clears snow out of the way near Blackwell Library on Thursday.

Feb. 9, and continued to dump additional snow through until Wednesday evening. This third wave of precipitation forced Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton to declare a State of Emergency, which lasted from 6 p.m. Tuesday night to 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

"This has been the largest snow storm since 1979," said Ireton in an interview last Thursday, Feb. 11 after the severe weather had passed through the region.

"Crews worked from 10 p.m. last night to 3:30 a.m. [Thursday] morning, logging 348 miles collectively and worked on clearing snow emergency routes," Ireton said.

The University, students and the city have struggled with the sedulous task of digging out from the storm. In an interview over e-mail, SU Associate Budget Officer Alan Selser said

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Rules change for on-campus housing assignments

By Jacqueline Miller
Staff Writer

On-campus housing and residence life will be a bit different for the Fall 2010 semester, with students categorized by their time and credit status on campus.

Many students opt to live on-campus for various reasons, however, with the new changes,

upperclassmen who wish to use on-campus living will be required to live on East Campus in the University Park Apartments, which some consider to be off-campus.

"I would rather stay on [West Campus] next year," said sophomore Ryan Olenick. "I like living here; it's really convenient."

Although the University is

doing their best to provide students with the opportunity to reside on-campus, there simply is not enough room for everyone.

"We would love to have everyone who wants to live on campus do so," said Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, "We just don't have enough beds to accommodate for the high number of students who

wish to remain on-campus."

The apartment-style residence halls currently under construction on the former Allenwood property will be dedicated to upperclassmen, making this change somewhat temporary.

Students with five or more semesters or more than 90 credit hours at the end of the Spring 2010 semester will be placed on

East Campus in the University Park Apartments. Interest meetings will be held on Feb. 10 and Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. in the University Park Clubhouse. Although attendance is not mandatory, these meetings will provide students with important information and representatives from University Park and the Office of Housing

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J-1 International Exchange to bridge SU with other countries

By Diana Dwyer
Staff Writer

After almost a year of preparation and paperwork, Salisbury University has finally been granted authority from the US Department of State to offer the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. SU has been designated in the categories of student, short-term scholar and professor and the visa facilitates foreign academic ex-

changes.

"[Visitors] can include not only students but faculty and short-term scholars who come here to do research, write papers or attend conferences," said Agata Liszkowska, associate director of the SU Center for International Education.

There are many visa categories under which individuals may enter the United States; those categories define what a person may and

may not do in this country. For example, B is issued for tourists who are not allowed to study and P for internationally organized athletes or entertainment groups. SU has had control over immigration documents issued for the F-1 student visa, H-1 temporary workers, and with the new exchange program, SU will have additional jurisdiction over documents prepared for the J visa.

The J-1 program was established by the Fulbright-Hayes Act of 1961. Its objective is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. This objective can be met only if the participants in the program return home to exercise the skills and knowledge acquired abroad, thereby strengthening the ties between the United States and other nations of the world. SU's

Exchange Visitor Program sponsors foreign nationals as visiting short-term scholars and professors on the academic staff who teach/lecture, observe, conduct research, or consult for anywhere from a few weeks to up to five years.

Under the category of student, SU's Exchange Visitor Program sponsors visiting foreign students

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Briefly Stated

Relay For Life Kickoff
Tuesday, Feb. 16, there will be a Kickoff for Relay For Life at 7 p.m. in TETC 153. Information about participating in the event will be shared.

Ash Wednesday Services
Ash Wednesday services on campus will be held in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall at 5 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, the first day of Lent. There will be service of the Word and distribution of blessed ashes. All are welcome to come pray.

SU Gospel Choir Concert
The SU Gospel Choir presents the concert "Back to Basics" 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Haiti earthquake relief funds.

"An Evening With Diane Rehm" Rescheduled
Public Radio Delmarva's "An Evening With Diane Rehm," originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, has been postponed due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 8. The meet-and-greet will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Room and Great Hall of Holloway Hall, with her talk to follow at 6:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. All tickets will be honored.

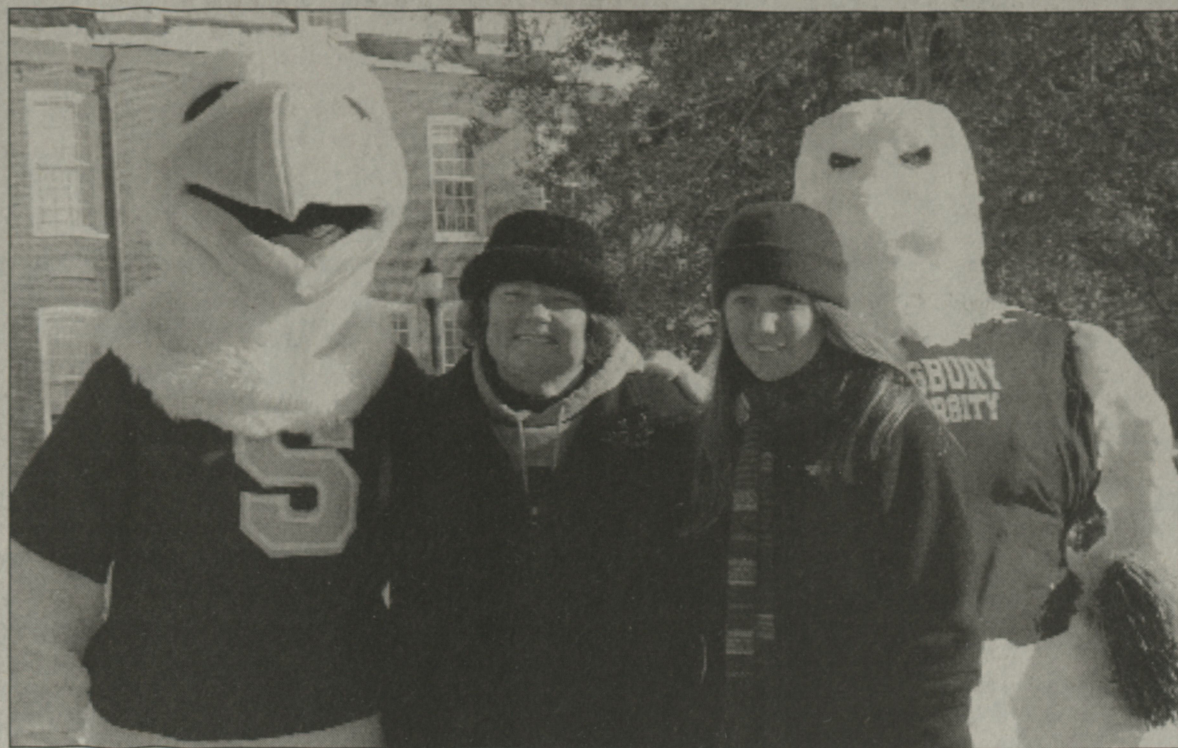
Book Signing Postponed
The "Men of Color to Arms!" discussion and book signing scheduled Saturday, Feb. 6, at SU's Edward H. Nabb Research Center Gallery has been rescheduled from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 10. Written by Dr. Clara Small of SU's History Department and the Rev. David Briddell, the book provides information on African-American soldiers from the Lower Eastern Shore who served in the Union army and navy during the Civil War.

"African-American Education: Rosenwald Schools" Lecture
On Wednesday, Feb. 17, SU's Edward H. Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture presents the discussion "African-American Education: Rosenwald Schools" at 7 p.m. in the Nabb Center Gallery. Moderated by historian Linda Dwyer, topics include early segregated schools of the Delmarva Peninsula and efforts to preserve three former Rosenwald Schools in Wicomico County—San Domingo, Wetpinquin and Germantown. Speakers are Newell Quinton, Ed Taylor and Barbara Purnell.

"A Negro Spiritual Tribute"
The SU Department of Music celebrates African-American History Month and the "One Maryland, One Book" program with a special performance of Song Yet Sung. Subtitled "A Negro Spiritual Tribute," the performance is 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Wicomico Room of the GUC. John Wesley Wright, SU music faculty, directs student and faculty performers in this adaptation of award-winning author James McBride's novel Song Yet Sung. A tale of African-American slaves living on the Eastern Shore in the 1850s, the book was last year's Maryland Humanities Council "One Maryland, One Book" novel. The concert features selected readings from the book.

Children's Author to Speak
Award-winning children's author Laura Vaccaro Seeger will speak about her works 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Co-sponsored by the Charles W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies and the Eastern Shore Regional Library, admission is free and the public is invited.

Sea Gulls enjoy Salisbury snow days



Kelly Robinson photo

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Jenny Bosse pose for a photo op after taking advantage of the most of a recent snow day, where students and staff built a tribute to SU's mascot, Sammy the Sea Gull, on the front lawn of Holloway Hall. Sammy gave the icy twin his seal of approval. In all, more than 40 members of the SU community joined in the fun while waiting for classes to resume.

Serious punishments may await students who stole statue

By Vanessa Junkin
Editor in Chief

What started as a prank for two SU students has turned into a situation with very serious consequences.

Eighteen-year-old freshmen Samuel Cyrus and Jonathan Reddick stole a bronze statue of Henry David Thoreau from the University grounds, according to SUPD Lieutenant Brian Waller.

The 400-plus pound statue was damaged after the students decided to give it to their neighbor, 54-year-old Raymond Bunting. The statue was cut and burned when Bunting sold it to Delmarva Recycling, Waller said. Suspecting foul play, Delmarva Recycling contacted SU and the statue was returned.

After their arrest on Feb. 5, Cyrus and Reddick face four separate charges: felony theft over \$10,000, a conspiracy to commit crime, malicious destruction of property over \$500, and a conspiracy to commit crime, according to Waller. Each student's combined charges carry a maximum sentence of over 30 years in prison and/or fines of up to \$35,000.

"Look at what they're facing and what did they gain? They

never intended to steal it to profit — that was not their goal," Waller said.

Waller said it is unlikely there will be other arrests in addition to Cyrus, Reddick and Bunting, but he added that an investigation is continuing and information on other students, who could possibly be involved in lesser ways, may be forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs.

Local police are not the only agency who deal with issues of the law and student behavior. The SU Office of Student Affairs is charged with the task of upholding the University's Student Code of Conduct. Kristen Kazmarek, Assistant Dean of Student Success and Parent Programs said anyone can notify the Office of Student Affairs if the Student Code of Conduct is broken. She said students can be reported for offenses whether they occur on or off campus.

Kazmarek was not permitted to discuss any specific student cases, but said the University has suspended students in the past for crimes involving theft.

She said that the University has specific procedures and follows a judicial process when it learns of possible code violations.

"You're going to be found guilty or not guilty in court," said Kazmarek, but she noted that "on our campus you're either responsible for violating a policy or not responsible."

Philosophy professor Dr. James Hatley has taught and written on Thoreau.

"I think [Thoreau] would point out that we should not become too attached to any item, especially his statue," wrote Hatley in an e-mail.

Michael Lewis, the director of the Environmental Issues Program who published "American Wilderness," a book linking Thoreau and natural history, suggested the culprits read Thoreau's well-known essay "Civil Disobedience" as proper punishment for their crime.

"There they might find out the difference between childish pranks and law-breaking with purpose," wrote Lewis in an e-mail.

Curator of Museum Programs Linda Shipp said she is hoping that by the summer, the Thoreau statue will be once again near trees on a hill by the GUC. She said despite the damage, it's likely the statue can be returned to its original state. At this point, the cost of repairs is unknown.

Crime Beat

1/29/10-2/1/10
3 p.m.-7 a.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property
While on patrol, an officer noticed that two SU signs, one at the entrance to the maintenance lot and one at the entrance to Holloway Hall, had been struck by a paintball gun. Also, several cars were hit by a paintball gun along Dogwood Drive and College Avenue.

2/4/10
8:30 p.m.-9:40 p.m.

Attempted Burglary
An unidentified black male tried to gain entrance into Student Activities office 125H. Two pry marks were found on the office door. The suspect did not gain entrance into the office.

2/04/10-2/05/10
5:45 p.m.-7:45 a.m.

Attempted Burglary
An unidentified suspect tried to gain entrance into the Admissions House. Pry marks were found on the back door. The suspect was not able to gain entry into the Admissions House.

2/3/10-2/5/10
6 p.m.-1:17 p.m.

Burglary and Theft
Victim reported an unknown suspect entered her vehicle parked in Dresser Lot B. Several items were stolen. There was no evidence of a forced entry into the vehicle.

2/7/10
Midnight-12:30 a.m.

Assist other Agency (Off-Campus)
A female student reported being assaulted at an off-campus party located in Varsity Lane. The Salisbury City Police was notified and the suspect in the assault was identified.

2/9/10
5:40 p.m.-6:18 p.m.

Theft
The victim reported that several personal items were stolen from a lab in Henson Hall.

2/10/10
1:41 a.m.-2:45 a.m.

Alcohol Violation/Intoxicated Student

Officers responded to Nanticoke Hall in reference to an intoxicated student. The student was transported to the hospital in reference to alcohol poisoning. Three civil citations were written to students who were involved with drinking in the resident's room.

"Blues Off the Street" concert to help the homeless

By Josh Madsen
Staff Writer

Over the past couple weeks, many East Coast cities have experienced record-setting snowfall, keeping countless Americans home from school and work. While many embrace the extreme snowfall by treating it as a short vacation, the less fortunate who are just struggling to survive these long winter nights tend to be forgotten about.

The Community Emergency Shelter Project has provided safe and temporary overnight shelter for homeless men in the Salisbury area since 2004. SU's social work department, local churches and agencies

teamed up to form the grassroots organization.

From early January to the end of March, church congregations and project members provide food, shelter and hospitality to the homeless.

"From week to week, different church congregations alternate host sites," said project coordinator and SU faculty member Brenda Jorden. "That's the beauty behind the program, because the sites are located at a church, that congregation provides the volunteers and food for that week spreading out the work load."

Like many homeless shelters during the winter season, CESP is in constant need of supplies like coats

and blankets for the local homeless men it serves.

On Friday, Feb. 19, CESP and Christ United Methodist Church will be hosting "Blues off the Street," a blues and jazz benefit concert that the Hill Street Blues Band headlines. Formed in the summer of 2007, the Hill Street Blues Band features local musicians and singers who use their talent to support the community.

The band consists of Sharief Smith and Brittany Spicer both singing the lead vocals, Randy Todd on guitar, David Janaskie on saxophone, Chuck DeMartin on drums and Steven Rumney on bass.

"I've played in other bands and

different styles of music," said bassist and local business owner Steven Rumney. "But when I started playing blues and jazz, I noticed an eclectic group of listeners attending the shows because of the universal sounds of jazz and blues."

Hill Street has provided blues and jazz for multiple local fundraising events including Joseph House, Christian Shelter, and Women Supporting Women. Through their faith in God and music, Hill Street Blues Band has helped raise over \$30,000 in beneficiaries for these local organizations.

"We are united through God," said Rumney. "God gave us a gift, and when we get to play music and

have fun while putting money in the hands of people who will use it well, like the homeless shelter, it's a win win for everyone."

"We really appreciate what the Hill Street Blues Band is doing because this is our only fundraiser," said Jorden. "The money that we use goes directly to buying heavy duty coats, to keep the men off the ground when sleeping at the shelter."

Tickets are \$12 each and are available at the Gospel Shop or through Donna Clark at (443)-944-5279 or Brenda Jorden at (410)-677-6559.

All proceeds will go towards the purchasing of coats and other shelter supplies.

Snow

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the University had to utilize private contractors to clear the 15 plus acres of campus parking lots.

Shovels and snow-blowers are generally not needed in an area which generally receives such low levels of snow. Given this, many students were severely unprepared to dig-out their cars and driveways.

"I used rakes the first time, until my roommate's brother brought us shovels," Michelle Gallagher said.

Mayor Ireton said the city accessed aid from the Wicomico County Emergency Management Division and the National Guard, who provided two humvees to aid with transport and snow removal.

"I don't expect all of the roads to be clear and things to be back to normal before at least next Monday," said Ireton last Thursday.

As cleanup from the storm continues, the costs to the University and the city continue to rise.

"It is unlikely the University will receive any financial assistance [from the State of Maryland]," wrote SU's Selser. Selser didn't offer any estimates and said the actual total costs of the storm to the university have yet to be determined. He continued that SU and the University System of Maryland will likely apply for aid if the State of Maryland receives federal disaster relief.

"The storms will probably cost the city from \$75,000 – \$100,000," Mayor Ireton said.

Safety also remains a source of concern for area residents and the university.

"I had a tree fall in my driveway," said SU student and Ocean Pines resident Emily Fiori.

Residential roads remain icy in the mornings and evenings, and many apartment complexes were poorly plowed. Many of the streets and sidewalks in the communities surrounding the university remain under snow-cover.

"I implore students to ride University buses and try not to walk on the roads," said Mayor Ireton, addressing those students who live in University Park and University Village.

The recent snow holiday offered a break in an already brief semester.

"I have off Tuesdays," said SU freshman Zach Heeter, who had six consecutive days without class. He, like many other students, said he enjoyed the "second" winter break.

In a Feb. 15 memo, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Diane Allen informed faculty and staff that the university is adopting an "adjusted" class schedule during finals week "to accommodate the hours missed because of inclement weather."

In the original class schedule Thursday, May 13 was Reading Day, and Friday, May 14 was scheduled to be the first day of finals. The adjusted class schedule eliminates Reading Day, and replaces it with a make-up day for Monday, Feb. 8. Finals are now scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 15.

Even though the region has collectively struggled to weather the extreme winter conditions, all is not lost. Expiating a bit of frustration, Ireton offers this ray of hope for the city of Salisbury: "crime rates have plummeted due to the snow."

Housing

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and Residence Life will be available to answer questions.

Students with one to four semesters in student housing and less than 90 credit hours by the end of the Spring semester will be placed on West Campus in Chesapeake Hall, Dogwood Village or St. Martin Hall.

Mandatory interest meetings will be held throughout February for students where information will be given out regarding the new student housing regulations. Students who do not receive an assignment on West Campus will be placed in University Park.

All other residences on campus will be reserved for freshmen only.

Director of Student Housing and Residence Life Dave Gutoskey said the new policy will most directly affect current juniors.

"I have heard that some juniors

are not happy with the new guidelines," Gutoskey said. "We understand this, but we see this as a positive change that moves an upper-class student closer to the actual life they will lead after completing their degree while still having a support network to engage when needing assistance. We designed [University Park] units for juniors and seniors as a great apartment style transition living environment to experience prior to completing a degree and moving into the professional world."

Students with special circumstances may petition to live on West Campus by submitting a detailed letter to the Housing Office outlining why it is necessary for them to live on West Campus by Feb. 16.

Any student may live in University Park at any time, however priority will be given to students with five or more semesters in housing or more than 90 credits during the priority sign-up period from Feb. 10-19.

Volunteer

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and organizations in need. The Center is dedicated to promoting lifelong values of commitment to service and civic engagement, encouraging awareness of community needs, and facilitating service opportunities to address those needs."

So far, the center has assisted 500 students in volunteer opportunities and has high expectations for the future of the program.

"We just hope students start getting interested," Emery said. "I think students want to volunteer but don't necessarily know how to get involved. This program should make it easier for students to locate opportunities and allow them to spend their energy actually volunteering instead of searching for somewhere to volunteer."

The goals of the Volunteer

Center are to connect students to the community, aid in student development through leadership and service, promote regional growth, and prepare students for the future through volunteer experiences in their career.

Senior Kim Leffler said she will definitely take advantage of this program. "This new [Volunteer Center] seems like it is really easy to use," said Leffler, "I just wish that I had known about it earlier in my college career."

Another advantage to the program is that it tracks students' volunteer hours over time, allowing students to easily access for their resumes and for the university to report.

Students interested in participating in volunteer opportunities should visit the Volunteer Center Web site at <https://www.salisbury.edu/volunteer>.



Photo courtesy of Steven Rumney

The Hill Street Blues Band poses for a picture. Band members, shown left to right, are Steven Rumney, Dave Janaskie, Sharief Smith, Chuck DeMartin, Brittany Spicer and Randy Todd.



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who may earn degrees at SU or study for a short period of time as non-degree seeking students, in a one-for-one exchange.

In a time when the world is constantly reminded of the economic crisis, such an exchange allows students to study abroad for the cost of home tuition, eliminating worry of financial burden. "This program sounds pretty neat," said Christopher Ward, junior. "It gives Salisbury students the opportunity to experience some culture shock without leaving the comforts of home." The exchange diversifies the student body and allows students to study under foreign professors without leaving campus.

"The J [visa] gives us the opportunity to invite visiting faculty to come in and teach our classes and teach our students from around the world," Stiegler said. "This new ability is going to enrich [and] internationalize our campus community in two important ways. Number one, it's going to be much more efficient to bring one professor to teach 40 students than to try to bring 40 students abroad. It's a new opportunity for us to increase international exposure for all of our students in all departments. Number two, it's going to provide an international learning environment for our faculty."

"We've got to learn about other cultures and let other cultures learn about us," Liszkowska said.

For more information, email the SU Center for International Education at sucie@salisbury.edu.

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The Iranian Government cracks down on protests to mark Revolution anniversary

By James Asuquo-Brown III
Staff Writer

At a government-backed rally marking the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, praised the mass turnout and warned the West to stop putting obstacles in his country's path, state-owned Press TV reported. Khamenei thanked those who celebrated Thursday's anniversary, saying the turnout at rallies reflected the nation's strength.

During the anniversary celebration, security forces clamped down hard on dispersed anti-government demonstrations in Tehran. On Iranian national television, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad held the West and remarked that Iran had become a "nuclear state," although many in the international community and private experts called his assertion wildly exaggerated.

Ahmadinejad announced that state scientists had enriched uranium to levels of 20 percent, which puts the country within reach of producing 80 percent weapons-grade fuel.

Police clashed with protesters, firing tear gas to disperse them and paintballs to mark them for arrest. The pro-government supporters in the capital Tehran out-



AFP/Getty Images photo

These girls wave flags in celebration of the Islamic revolution.

numbered the opposition, which gathered in small groups despite the looming threat of repression. Khamenei said the rally should be a wake-up call for the "domestic enemies and deceived groups who claim to represent the people." He blasted the West, saying it was time for "foreign enemies to abandon futile efforts to subjugate Iran."

"The past 31 years are not enough to awaken a few arrogant and bullying states to their futile efforts to dominate this Islamic nation," said Khamenei.

Government supporters and militiamen had blanketed Tehran in anticipation of demonstrations. Hardliners and Basij security forces prevented former Iranian Prime Minister and opposition leader Mir-Hossein Mousavi and his wife Zahra Rahnavard from attending an opposition gathering. Militiamen attacked and threw tear gas into the car of another opposition leader and former presidential candidate Mehdi Karubi as he tried to escape attack.

The Basij has been wantonly targeting the families of the opposition leaders. Karoubi's son Taghi said his brother Ali was detained by security forces on Thursday and "severely beaten... almost to death." Speaking to a reporter outside Iran on Friday, Taghi Karoubi said his brother was later released and the family took him to a hospital. His condition was serious and he suffered from internal bleeding and a broken arm, he said. In addition, Mousavi's wife was struck by militiamen.

The opposition's strategy of co-opting officially sanctioned rallies for its own purposes has been proven to be very dangerous and leaders are likely to rethink that tactic given the government's ability to suppress demonstrations. The next stand off will likely occur on March 16 when Iranians celebrate the last Tuesday evening of the Persian calendar.

All information in this article was sourced from Voice of America and The Daily Telegraph.

China unhappy with U.S. plan to sell arms to Taiwan

By James Asuquo-Brown III
Staff Writer

China has reacted angrily to the U.S. announcement that it is planning to sell \$6.4 billion worth of arms to Taiwan, which China considers a breakaway province. China said it will impose unspecified sanctions on any U.S. firms selling weapons to Taiwan in retaliation.

"The Chinese government and people feel indignant about this," Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi told a security conference in Germany. "I do hope the U.S. will change its behavior ... and will stop arms sales to Taiwan."

China has claimed sovereignty over self-ruled Taiwan since 1949, when Mao Zedong's Chinese Communist Party won the Chinese Civil War and Chiang Kai-shek's anti-communist Kuomintang retreated to Taiwan.

The arms deal takes place within the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, in which the U.S. established diplomatic ties with People's Republic of China. Simultaneously, the U.S. broke diplomatic ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan), and created a de facto embassy, the American Institute in Taiwan, located in Arlington, Va. The act also stipulates the U.S. is required "to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character."

China has long threatened to retaliate in the event of a Tai-

wanese declaration of independence; in 2005 they formalized their position with the passage of the Anti-Secession Law. This law underscored the use of "non-peaceful means" against the "Taiwan independence movement."

"We approached the U.S. side very seriously on many occasions. Yet the U.S. went ahead and forced the Chinese government and people to react. We think it is our sovereign right to do what is necessary," Yang said. "What is the central question here? Whether a country feels weak or strong, all countries should be equal and you have to put yourself in the shoes of others before you make any decision. Would you like this to be done to yourself? Of course not."

China has said the sales could hamper the process of peaceful reunification between China and Taiwan. The minister commented that Taiwan "is actually having more progress, together with us, in peacefully developing cross straits relations, and the U.S. is supporting this. So we urge the USA to do things which would contribute to this developing trend." This among other well-publicized spats further highlight the current tense state of U.S.-Chinese relations.

All information in this article was sourced from Reuters and BBC News.

Iran increases enrichment; U.S. seeking sanctions

By Travis Ross
Staff Writer

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ordered more enrichment of the country's uranium on Feb. 7. At the time, Iran's uranium was 3.5 percent enriched and only used in nuclear power plants. After only two days of development, the uranium was enriched to 20 percent, which is considered a large step towards the attainment of nuclear weapons.

This development has angered Western nations who have been working with Iran to end its nuclear program. According to Ahmadinejad, the enriched uranium will only be used at the country's two nuclear power plants and for medical applications. Weapons grade uranium must be enriched to 90 percent.

As Iran has continued its nuclear program, the U.N. has proposed exporting the material needed for power plants or medical application, but not for weapons. Iran would ship its low enriched uranium to France or Russia. These two countries would send back the material after a year of development. This would help restrict Iran from developing any nuclear weapons.

Iran was willing to abide to the U.N.'s deal, but after the Feb. 7 order for more enrichment to begin, the Iranian government effectively rejected any deals. The U.S. and Europe claim Iran is only stalling negotiations for time to build nuclear weapons.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates

called for more sanctions to be placed on Iran. This would be the fourth set of sanctions since the beginning of the country's nuclear program. The White House responded to Ahmadinejad's statement by freezing assets of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. They are in charge of infrastructure construction in all of Iran. Western intelligence officials believe they are also responsible for the nuclear program. The new sanctions were directed towards high level government officials and not the Iranian people.

U.S. officials want more sanctions from the U.N. Security Council. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has said other countries are beginning to see the threat of a nuclear Iran the same way Americans see it. Russia has opposed sanctions in the past, but now supports the new set of sanctions. China has refused to support new sanctions because of their close economic ties to Iran. As a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, China has the power to veto any new sanctions.

Iran has acquired laser technology that shortens the amount of time it takes to enrich uranium. According to Ahmadinejad, his country has the capability to produce weapons grade material if it chose to. The U.N. Security Council has imposed sanctions three times in the past because Iran was not able to prove the uranium would not be used in weapons.

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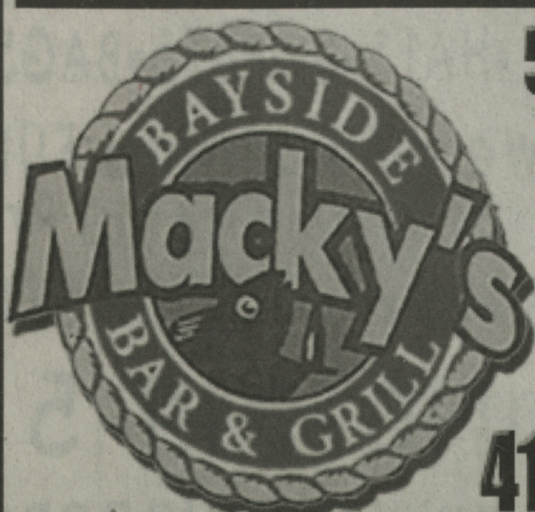
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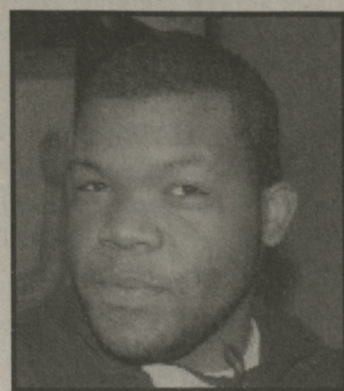
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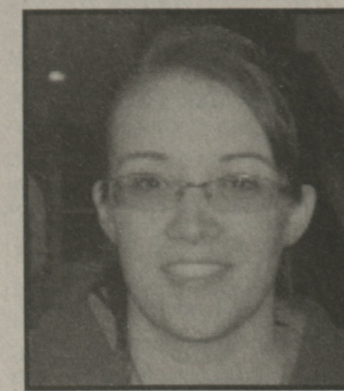
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-Alphonso Jones, junior



"Worst: Slipping on the ice.
Best: No class! :)"

-Courtney Stratmeyer, freshman



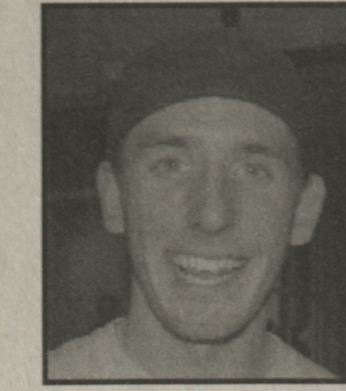
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-Deanna Krauss, junior



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Best: No classes"

-Jonathon Shircliffe, freshman



"Worst: Safe Ride not running.
Best: No school."

-Travis Sevier, freshman

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Literacy tests to vote: Interesting concept, but bad idea politically

By Mitchell Jones
Staff Writer

Few things embody the American experience better than the right to vote. Since the civil rights marches of the sixties, the ability to cast a ballot on Election Day has defined freedom and has been a staple of what it means to be an American. But what if that right to vote, which so many fought so hard to gain, was suddenly stripped away?

Former Representative Tom Tancredo argues that limiting the right to vote wouldn't be such a bad thing. Proposing a reinstatement of voter literacy tests that once dominated the Jim Crow South, Tancredo asks us all to consider an America without the guaranteed right to vote. But has

Tancredo gotten nostalgic for the good ol' days, or is he onto something that may be a good idea?

To be clear—it's not a good idea. But the problem with Tancredo's proposal isn't the idea itself; it's the stupidity of proposing it. Especially during Black History Month, such a suggestion is political suicide. In an America so focused on political correctness and equal opportunity, the chances of seeing a new voter literacy test are about as good as seeing Sarah Palin pass one.

While it's unlikely that America will see literacy tests again, it's just as likely that their implementation would actually change the political landscape for the better.

"The problem is, people are looking at this thing as racist," said area local Matt Jones. "Liter-

acy tests conjure up these images of jelly beans in a jar, but that's then, and this is now. Maybe if we had literacy tests, we'd have a more informed and educated group deciding who runs our country."

It's true that often the presence of the uneducated at the polls impacts the quality of leadership that America receives. How else could one explain eight years of the Bush presidency, or the fascination with an obviously unqualified senator from Illinois?

In a world plagued with crises, the American voter should have the intelligence to look at an issue, understand it, and look for candidates who propose coherent solutions to problems at hand. This isn't about listing the presidents in alphabetical order, or correctly

reciting the periodic table; it's about critical thinking and common sense—two things American voters have lacked for years.

While many consider limiting the right to vote offensive and un-American, the potential behind Tancredo's idea is, at the very least, interesting. What's wrong with their heads, not their hearts? Just as America deserves competent and rational leadership, it deserves voters who consider more than what political propaganda or biased media outlets tell them.

Many would argue that with his proposal, Tancredo is attempting to strip away a vital bit of American culture, but in this time of alleged change, maybe American culture is in desperate need of a remodeling.

The Euro's troubles: All Greek to me

By Robert Forrester
Staff Writer

We all hear on the news and in the papers about the budget, the deficit, and the national debt. While the U.S. does not seem to care too terribly about the potential effect of outrageous spending, one country is forced to.

Earlier this month, reports from southern Europe announced that Greece has overspent its budget by over \$400 billion dollars over the last decade. That's a four with eleven zeros after it. Currently, its deficit is more than 12 percent of its GDP, over four times higher than the European Union's mandated maximum of 3 percent. The government managed to hide its activity from the rest of Europe by simply falsifying its budget.

This has enormous implications for the rest of the European Union. Those countries in the Euro Zone, who all use the same currency (the Euro), now have the entire national debt of Greece, in Euros, to worry about. In the entirely likely event that Greece defaults on their debt, it will damage the value of the Euro in international currency markets. To avoid a default, the rest of the Euro Zone may come to Greece's rescue, offering loans and other financial help. In the event such measures are taken,

interest rates, taxes, inflation and recession recovery time will all increase while real wages will decrease.

Greece isn't the only delinquent in the Euro Zone. Before the news broke about Greece, currency watchers thought that Spain and Portugal were the biggest threats to the Euro. Spain, whose deficit compares with the Greeks' at 11.25 percent, still has a radically smaller overall debt and keeps its finances open to inspection. Italy, like Greece, also has a debt well over one hundred percent of its GDP, however, its deficit is little over 5 percent.

While a measly \$400 billion may seem small to a country that recently threw trillions of dollars at the financial system, it represents over one hundred percent of Greece's national produce. Contrast that with the United States, whose debt is somewhere around 70 percent. Still, as we continue to disregard the consequences of reckless spending on frivolous programs, we could soon find ourselves in a crisis like Greece. As long as it sounds bizarre for a political candidate to propose more taxes and less services, we are well on our way to selling out our grandchildren's future.

All facts and figures taken from the BBC world service.

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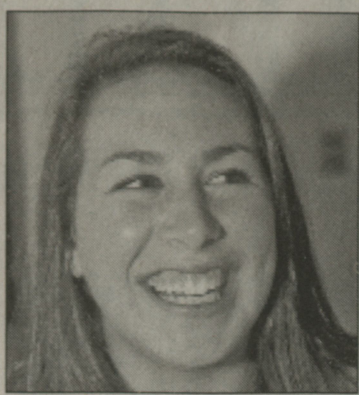
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I really like this girl, but she does not really show any interest in me. I know we could make a good couple, and we are great friends. But I don't know how to approach her about it. She recently started talking to a new guy that I know would not make as good a match for her as I would. What can I do or say to show her that I can be the guy for her?

The best thing for you to do would be to tell her how you feel. Do not come off too strong, but maybe sit down with her to discuss exactly how you feel and if she would ever consider you to be more than a friend. It all depends on your relationship. Sometimes dating your friend does not work out, sometimes it does. You will not know if you do not ask her. At the same time, you should think about whether it would harm your friendship based on the possible outcome.



I have recently had to work on a group project, and I felt like I was the only person in the group that contributed work and time. All of my partners turned in their work, but it was done so poorly that I had to fix it myself. I now have another group project coming up. How can I prevent the same situation from happening again?

Come up with a set of guidelines and rules for your new group. They will hopefully understand that everyone has to contribute and take it upon themselves to make sure their work is done well. If you see that your partners are slacking, you have a better chance of fixing problems if you say something earlier on rather than closer to the deadline for your project. If there are issues, tell the others constructively how they can be of more assistance to the group so they know what to fix. Another good option is to consult your instructor to let him/her know about your situation.

Healthy initiatives in schools are a good idea

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

With the reauthorization of the Childhood Nutrition Act, President Barack Obama plans to cut cookies, cakes, pastries, and salty foods from school vending machines and cafeteria lines. He also plans to enroll more kids in school lunch programs, increase the number of schools offering breakfast, form a relationship between local farmers and school cafeterias and improve parent and student education about nutrition.

Now, as much as I loved sugar cookies and Fritos during lunch throughout high school, I knew it wasn't the healthiest choice for me. There weren't any salads, and there wasn't much of a fruit selection. Would I have picked a salad or fruit over the junk food? I'd say about half of the time I would have. It really would have been appreciated as an option. I am impressed that Obama is

working to register more children for lunch programs. You'd think that with the recession more kids would be forced to skip lunch or have very little in their brown bags. Lunch is an important meal, and I bet that kids, especially in elementary school, do not want to sit empty-handed at lunch while other children are trading peanut butter sandwiches for ham or Goldfish for pretzels.

Breakfast is also an important meal, if not the most important, and a lot of schools don't serve it. They have their reasons I'm sure, but it needs to be an option. Hopefully Obama can build breakfast into the school menu. I never ate breakfast except for the occasional pop tart or coffee. I didn't have time to make French toast or pancakes because I'm not a morning person. If kids are like me, they'd appreciate arriving at school and being able to eat breakfast before trudging to first period.

Local farmers and school cafeterias need to work together so

children can have a variety of healthy foods when they line up for lunch. Why hasn't this already been done? Local farmers benefit because cafeterias would not need national distributors and use local produce. Cafeterias would benefit because it would drastically reduce shipping costs and ensure fresher produce.

"The prevalence of obesity in the United States continues to be high, exceeding 30% in most sex and age groups," according to an article titled "Prevalence and Trends in Obesity Among U.S. Adults, 1999-2008," on The Journal of the American Medical Association Web site.

Parents and students need a crash course in nutrition before we as a nation fully accept obesity. That's a scary thought, but it could be closer than we think.

This thought can be tossed into oblivion if we as a nation start eating healthier, especially in schools.

Smoking ban would force smokers into unsafe areas

By Sophie Linshitz
Staff Writer

The smoking policy at Salisbury University has been a hot topic for quite some time. Currently, there is a resolution proposed that will completely ban smoking on campus grounds. Both sides of the argument have valid points. If a

ban would occur, it will encourage smokers to quit as it has in other universities. It will also dramatically reduce secondhand smoke. However, it also poses a question regarding the safety of smokers. The streets around campus are not very safe, especially at night. Students are warned not to walk by themselves in the evenings outside

of campus and frequently receive emails regarding crimes that have occurred. A ban would force smokers to go off campus and risk their safety or quit all together. Some might say it is a good thing, but some would say that it is stripping the right of individuals who choose to use tobacco products. This ban would also be very

difficult to enforce and could cause more problems than there are now. It would redirect the activities of security personnel who would watch out for smokers instead of criminal activity.

In my opinion, the smoking policy should stay as it is today. It should simply be enforced further, there should be a stricter policy

regarding students who smoke outside of the designed smoking areas. Additionally, there should be more ashtrays around campus in order to contain the littering. This way, it will be easier to ensure the safety of nonsmokers and maintain the right of people who use tobacco products to continue using them.

Debate over Rahm Emanuel comment is "f***ing retarded"

By Mitchell Jones
Staff Writer

It only took a little bit of alcohol and one movie about Jesus to tell the world know that Mel Gibson hates the Jews. And over the course of a single night, Michael Richards, aka Kramer, lynched his own career after delivering a racist tirade at a popular L.A. comedy club.

But when White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel referred to fellow democrats as "f***ing retarded" behind closed doors, he surely had no idea of the fallout that awaited him a month down

the road.

Now, with Sarah Palin calling for Emanuel's resignation, those two little words may evolve into another black eye for the Obama administration.

But is the call for Emanuel's resignation really warranted? After all, this is the same man who once mailed a dead fish to a political opponent. Many, including area local Mathew Dallam, would say not.

"Emanuel's comments were made in a private room, during a private meeting. They weren't directed at anyone, and he wasn't making light of the mentally challenged," said Dallam. "It's all a big

political calculation, and it's ridiculous."

Make no mistake; if anyone is "retarded" here, it's Emanuel himself. The first lesson in Public Figures 101 is to never say something you might regret and Emanuel has been in the spotlight long enough to have moved beyond introductory lessons on how to be famous. Regardless of what Emanuel should have done differently, the fact remains that when compared to other, recent politically incorrect comments, Emanuel's barb lacks any serious bite.

Case in point: Sen. Harry Reid, perhaps the biggest moron in a

room filled with big morons. In the recently released book "Game Change," Reid commented that America would vote for Barack Obama because he was a "light-skinned" African-American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one."

Even more offensive was Obama's comment comparing his own bowling ability to that of a Special Olympics athlete. As we now know, his ability to govern doesn't seem to be much better than his bowling skill.

While Emanuel's comments were thoughtless, only a "f***ing retard" of Sarah Palin's caliber would

confuse a heated swear word with bigoted hatred. It's more of the same trumped up, political righteousness that has become part of the modern political game, and it's time for a change. If Sarah Palin really wants to make a difference, maybe she should stop wheeling her own special needs child out like a stage prop every time the cameras start to roll. Or maybe she could attack her own supporters, who use political rallies like Ku Klux Klan meetings. Either way, let's leave Emanuel alone. He'll only be around for three more years anyway.

Groundskeeping Sustainability Suggestion Responses

Suggestion One

Regarding leaf blowers: As various official or unofficial reps on the various Sustainability Committees, I would like to raise the issue of using leaf blowers on campus. They are noisy, polluting, and use energy, and in most cases, they are no more efficient than raking leaves by hand.

We are encouraging the student workers who use them, as well as the neighboring community, to assume this is standard operating procedure. More than once I have been in a meeting when we have had to ask the person using the leaf blower outside to stop because we couldn't hear in the meeting.

Response:

Leaf blowers are only one of the tools we use to keep the campus

free from debris and leaves. We regularly rake and use mulching mowers in lawn/garden areas and planting beds. However, it is also the responsibility of the Horticulture/Grounds Department to keep sidewalks, driveways and handicap ramps clear and safe from acorns, twigs, debris, etc. Leaf blowers are extremely effective in quickly clearing these areas for the safety of the campus community.

Suggestion Two

There should be more recycling areas in buildings/classrooms, and campus clean-up programs.

Response:

I would be happy to address this more specifically if the writer of this suggestion would like to contact me directly at tflors@salisbury.edu

ing@salisbury.edu

Suggestion Three

Hello! My name is Alsu Galimova. This is a time for projects and I suggested our group to make a presentation on recycling in SU. Now that I've read through all of the information about the environmental efforts that SU has done and is still doing on being more and more efficient, I see all of the tremendous work, and I wanted to thank you for it. At the same time, I would like to point out that probably the majority of the students are unaware of these great programs. So my suggestion is to provide a mandatory seminar for freshman students about sustainability on campus to introduce them and encourage them to provide their own input

in regards to what SU already does.

Response:

I will be happy to forward this onto the New Student Experience Committee for their consideration in the freshman orientation process.

Suggestion Four

Need for location of bicycle racks so students are aware of them. Review current usage as some racks are overflowing — there is a possible need for moving or adding racks. Students should be encouraged to use bikes...why not include bike racks at parking areas to they can use them to leave bikes when on campus (especially for commuters).

Where can you get air for

tires? It would be nice to have one or two strategically placed...I have one over at the SBDC office in EC215 for students who may need to pump up a tire in this area.

Response:

We continually review bike rack usage and locations. We add racks as we can to areas that are in higher use. As opportunities present, with construction and exterior renovations, designated areas for bikes are being added on campus. Bike racks are also conveniently located at the parking garage and Dresser Lot A for ease of use by commuters. Air stations have been discussed as well. This is a great idea. I will touch base with the parties involved and see where we are with this. Thank you for offering your pump for student usage!

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I love you.
Love,
Julia Malawz

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To: My "Sophisticated
Roommates"
Riley, Sam & Joan
I LOVE YOU!!
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meg + dotters
U both r the hot
sauce to my tuna
love, not bison
fingers

Richard -
To five years and
many more! Be my
Valentine?!
Love, Ashley

Dear Sarah Colliton,
You're are the love of my life.
From, Jeremy
P.S. Matthew, Annemie and J-Dis

To my beautiful Phi
Mu sisters,
I love you!

Happy Valentines
Day, Jackie &
Vangssa!
Love, Luke

From Dave with
love to SUGC

Joe,
You blow my
mind
- Dan

Jami,
You make me
WANNA G.T.L.

Snookie, Snickie,
Snickers, baby boo,
Love you!
- "The Situation"

Willy,
You will always be our little
nugget.
LOVE,
your treehouse secret admirers

Babe,
I am so happy to
spend my days
with someone so
amazing. I Love
You!
- Schnookums
haha!

Kelsey,
If it was
Halloween, you
should just go as
HOT!!

Vangssa,
You owe me
dinner.
- Your secret
admirer

Dear Cat,
I hate love
you.
Love, Mike

1411 203,
Oh how I love thee!
On this Valentine's
Day, I hope you have a
great party!

Happy Valentine's
Day
I love you, pommies.
Love, Jaina

Dearest MedTech Professors,
Please DON'T KILL us!
Happy Valentine's Day :)
-- Love from your FAVORITE
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My D,
Always loving my
Angel
Love, Bubba Bear
Happy Valentine's
Day, Jimm! I
Love you to the moon
and back
- Michelle

Happy Valentine's
Day
my bfffff

Happy Valentine's
Day!
(heart)
Love, Devin

Andrew Mason Woods,
Please Marry Me!
- Your heterosexual life
partner

"Love is about giving
the bigger part of the
cookie to your partner."
- Rebecca & Mike
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Laura,
One day you'll
laugh at my
jokes

Happy Valentine's
Day, Therran!
<3
Robyn

Holla Scotland
Peeps!
Happy V-Day!
Love, Big
Willie!

Dear Nick,
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Happy Valentine's
Day, Jackie Rae
Miller
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Love, JPeezy

DON'T TALK TO
HIM LIKE YOU
KNOW HIM!
- NUTTA'S

Michelle,
You are the best
Valentine ever!!
You are my hero!

Happy Valentine's to
my Zeta Tau Alpha
sisters, I Love You!
- Jess

Happy Valentine's
Day!
Drew, I love you!
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I love the
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SU: 'It's Time to Talk About' eating disorders

By Amanda Johnson
Staff Writer

In an effort to promote positive body image and personal wellness, the Counseling Center, Student Health Services, and Housing and Residence Life's Wellness Team have arranged a series of events in support of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. This year's NEDAW theme, "It's Time To Talk About It," will kick off on Monday, Feb. 22 and run through Friday, Feb. 26.

The mission of NEDAW is to try and prevent eating disorders and improve access to treatment. Eating disorders are serious, life-threatening illnesses that affect more than 11 million people in the United States, according to the National Eating Disorders Association Web page.

"The main purpose of this week is to get information out there to people and to make them more aware that eating disorders are a big problem around our nation," said social work intern Katie Rizman. This week's upcoming events include: "Mirrorless Monday" on Feb. 22, "Talk It Up Tuesday" on Feb. 23, "It's Time to Talk about it...& Walk About It" on Feb. 24, "It Started With Pop-Tarts...My Story" on Feb. 25, and "Brown Bag Lunch & Facebook Friday" on Feb. 26.

On "Mirrorless Monday," all bathrooms across campus will display positive affirmations. On "Talk It Up Tuesday," students may visit the eating disorder information table in The Commons from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students can gather information or participate in an eating disorder screen-

ing at this table.

On Wednesday's "It's Time to Talk about it...& Walk About It," President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach will discuss the importance of eating disorder awareness to the campus community. This discussion will be held in Holloway Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Student Affairs staff, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, and Sammy the Seagull will also host a walk around campus immediately following the speech.

On Thursday's "It Started With Pop-Tarts...My Story," special guest Lori Hanson will lead engaging discussion about eating disorders in the Wicomico Room of the GUC at 6 p.m. Hanson is a survivor of bulimia and an award-winning author.

"SU's having Lori Hansen come

to our campus is a huge feather in our cap," said MSW intern Nikki Dyer. "And President Dudley-Eshbach's participation in our walk is a real testament to her belief in building a healthy campus community. We hope everyone joins us because it's time for SU to talk about it."

On "Brown Bag Lunch & Facebook Friday," students are encouraged to bring their lunch to the Nanticoke Room in GUC, rooms A & B, from noon to 1 p.m. The purpose of this brown bag lunch is to answer any remaining questions on eating disorders. "Facebook Friday" encourages students to join the Media Watchdog group on Facebook. According to the Facebook page, "The Media Watchdog program was created to improve media messages about size, weight and beauty. The program brings

students, educators, health professionals, parents, eating disorders sufferers, and concerned consumers together as Media Watchdogs to encourage companies and advertisers to send healthy media messages regarding body size and shape."

All students are welcome to participate in this year's activities. "One of our fundamental goals of the week's events is to bring to light the fact that no one is immune to the effects of eating disorders. In our society, we often think of eating disorders as a mental illness that affects wealthy Caucasian females who are in a never ending quest for beauty. However, anyone can develop an eating disorder regardless of age, race, gender or socioeconomic status. We all need to move beyond the stigma," Dyer said.

SU geography students help earthquake recovery efforts

SALISBURY, MD — Despite being more than 1,400 miles from Haiti, Salisbury University students are donating time, energy and technical skills to aid earthquake recovery efforts.

This week, some 36 geography majors are helping the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) on a photo interpretation project to examine devastation in the Caribbean nation. Based in Oakland, CA, EERI is the nation's premier professional organization dedicated to earthquake hazard assessment and reduction worldwide.

The SU students join scientists and engineers from some 19 countries who have mobilized to help with Operation GEO-CAN (Global Earth Observation-Catastrophe Assessment Network).

Using a Google Earth application tool, the student volunteers are comparing and evaluating detailed, high-resolution aerial images of Haiti from before and after the earthquake to identify damaged buildings. The project will aid ground crews as they try to conduct damage assessments, prioritize rebuilding and help victims' families.

"This is an opportunity for SU students to use the skills they obtained in their geography classes to aid in a humanitarian effort," said Dr. Arthur Lembo of SU's geography and geosciences department, who facilitated the project.

Lembo has conducted earthquake research with EERI in the past, and co-presented two papers with its staff at an international conference commemorating the 100th Anniversary

of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake.

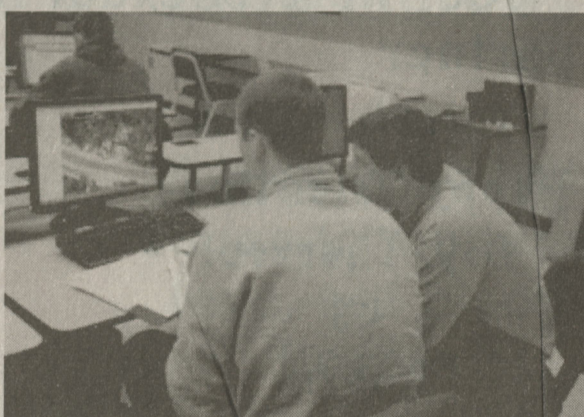
"As the U.S. tries to help the people of Haiti, Dr. Lembo and the EERI have found a way

for our students to contribute, even though we're thousands of miles from both Oakland and Port-au-Prince," said Dr. Michael Scott of the geography and geosciences department, who also directs the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative.

"I am so proud of SU's geography program and its students," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, dean of SU's Henson School of Science and Technology. "This project is a tremendous opportunity for SU students and faculty to assist Haiti by providing much needed technological and analytical

support."

For more information, call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.



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From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



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Nick Jameson, Greg Sund, Chris Finney, Kevin Pié, Dan Anderson, David Jannati, Jake Birch, Kelly Holland, Jason Guthrie enjoy time with the "Snowbury man."



Leslie Davis photo

Cpl. Cinda Howell shows student Beeta Nazemian techniques during a Self-Defense Information Session held Wednesday, Feb. 3 as part of Operation Keep Safe Week.



Paul Espina photo

Friends put their heads together for a photo in the snow.



Dan Anderson photo

A young fan offers Sammy the Sea Gull a hug at the Pink Zone basketball game on Feb. 13.



Photo submitted by Laura Dignan

Seniors from SU's swim team: Michael Ferrari, Maureen Gillespie, Angie Hammond, Lindsay Southworth, Jessica Krauss, Laura Dignan and Kevin Lonergan gather in the pool. See story on CAC meet, page 14.



Adrienne Price photo

Diana Dwyer, Spanish Club president, and Brittany Soutz, vice president and treasurer, promote their organization at the Student Activities Fair on Feb. 3.

"Green" screenings shown at Film Festival

By Michael Piorunski
Staff Writer

Sustainability and environmental stewardship are in on Thursdays in February as SU partners with Friends of the Nanticoke River and the Wicomico Environmental Trust to present the Delmarva Environmental Film Festival.

The festival opened on Thursday, Feb. 4 with "Build Green/Live Green," a film documenting visionary leaders in sustainable housing construction and "green" development.

Many of the homes featured in the film harnessed renewable resources like wind, solar and geothermal heat to produce their own clean energy and reduce their "carbon footprint," or stress on the environment. Instead of altering the

nursery rhyme, as the frame and insulation are made of straw. With by-product of the agricultural industry, like the dirt in the Rammied Earth home, builders embrace arcaic technology and a progressive vision to create homes whose construction consumes less non-renewable resources.

Dr. Aaron Hogue, an assistant professor of biology at SU is a local homeowner who attended the film festival. "I see a house as a part of an ecosystem," Hogue said.

Many of the homes featured in the film harnessed renewable resources like wind, solar and geothermal heat to produce their own clean energy and reduce their "carbon footprint," or stress on the environment. Instead of altering the

environment, these homes adapt to the environment to meet their energy and spacial needs.

The film also showed how urban planners and architects like Martin Leifhegger are changing perspectives on the urban landscape of Victoria, BC, Canada to transform the urban of the past to meet the needs of both people and the environment.

Hogue says government subsidies and tax credits would provide more incentive for people to go green.

"The initial investment and the length of time to pay off [green renovations] sometimes hinders homeowners," he said.

Also showing was "Up Close and Toxic," a film which investigates the sources of the contaminants and

pollution in the average home. Poor air quality and pollutants within the home, says the film, often come from cleaning products, chemicals in construction materials and dirt tracked in on carpet from the outside.

In an effort to incorporate sustainable living practices into his home, Hoage says, "I use compact fluorescents [light bulbs], and would eventually like to install some sort of solar option."

The Delmarva Environmental Film Festival continues on Thursday February 18 with a film on Ocean Fisheries and Aquaculture, and on Thursday February 25 with "Wildlife Preservation." The screenings are at 7:30pm in room 103 in Henson Science Hall.

Club Spotlight Union of African-American Students

By Kathryn Tyler
Staff Writer

For students who are passionate about the importance of diversity and eager to make a difference, The Union of African-American Students is the club to join.

"The Salisbury University Union of African-American Students promotes a better understanding and relationship among all people to attain the University and the community to the needs of African-Americans and other minorities," according to mission on the UAS Web site. "The UAS promotes academic success of the members of the union, to support the mission of the University and to address & pursue issues concerning the welfare of the members of the union."

Led by president and senior Orlett Haskett, UAS strives to make a real difference, hoping to pave the way for a more culturally diverse campus.

"UAS offers the campus an outlet—the type of outlet where students of all ethnic backgrounds and races can collaborate to make the SU community more diverse and applicable to our needs as students," Haskett said.

UAS has existed since the 1980s and is on the forefront of many traditions at Salisbury University. For example, UAS planned and executed the first homecoming pep rally. In an attempt to advance and maintain these traditions, Mr. and Mrs. UAS were re-installed in fall 2009 in order to give minority students a chance to win homecoming court.

UAS members have put forth a great deal of planning to execute their first event of the semester. On Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in TETC 153, UAS will host a lecture entitled "The Natural Woman Screening Tour."

"I am excited about this event," Haskett said. "Our speaker, Cindy Hurst, will explore the wonders of hair care and styling and how it has evolved over the years."

Hurst is famously known for her documentary "Natural Woman," in which she unveils the psychological hurdles that women of color experience as a result of deciding to wear their hair natural.

According to Haskett, UAS plans to participate in several other events this semester. "We are participating in Relay for Life, and

plan to make collaborations with other RSOs on campus to promote our cause," Haskett said.

Membership in UAS is

open to all SU students. UAS meets Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the Multicultural Student Services Center on the second floor of GUC.

For more information about UAS or the club's events, contact Haskett at oh71940@students.salisbury.edu.



Submitted by Orlett Haskett

Members of Salisbury University's Union of African-American Students gather together for a photo. UAS will host lecturer Cindy Hurst Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in TETC 153.

Student Spotlight

"Breathe, relax, and smile":

Taylor juggles responsibilities effortlessly

By Kathryn Tyler
Staff Writer

It has been stated that college is the best time of one's life. Junior Telecia Taylor is making the most out of her college career by successfully juggling being a student with the various roles she has on campus.

Taylor is an Interdisciplinary Studies major with a concentration in Information Systems and Psychology. She also serves as a Building Manager for the Guerrieri University Center, the Recreation and Travel Chair for SOAP, maintains a job with Student Affairs, and is the founder and president of the SU Poms Dance Team.

"SU Poms was founded in Fall 2008. I came up with the idea because I participated while I was in high school, and I thought it would be fun to have a similar activity here at SU," Taylor said.

Maintaining such important roles in these activities comes with a lot of responsibility. "As the president of Poms, my responsibilities include keeping the club recognized under SGA's guidelines, planning events for the team, and overseeing the presentation of the team on campus," Taylor said. "As the Rec & Travel Chair for SOAP, I plan and organize the trips that are sponsored by SOAP each semester. As far as my role goes for being the Building Manager for GUC, I am responsible for opening or closing the building de-

pending on my shift as well as overseeing the building and making sure everything is running smoothly throughout the building on a day to day basis."

So how does Taylor balance and keep up with her activities and school?

"I consider myself to be a planner," Taylor said. "Therefore, I use my school planner to keep me organized with the different activities that I have to do including my schoolwork. I also have a schedule that I use to coordinate my daily routine. I try not to stress over the little things. I tend to breathe, relax and smile."

After graduation, Taylor plans to pursue a career as part of the IT personnel at a thriving company. But first, she is hoping to

reward herself for all of her hard work at SU with a little rest and relaxation.

"I would love to take a trip to Jamaica right after graduation, before I begin to work," Taylor said.

Although it seems that a person with this lifestyle would find it hard to have any spare time, Taylor says that every now and then she gets a little time to herself.

"I had to actually think about what I do in my spare time," Taylor said. "Let's see. Sometimes I write poetry, sleep in whenever I can, and basically just relax!"

Taylor's upbeat attitude and impeccable time management skills will definitely continue to work in her favor even after her career at SU comes to a close.



R.L. Pusey photo

One of the many roles Telecia Taylor, bottom center, plays is that of SOAP Recreation and Travel Chair. Here she talks with SOAP Lectures Chair Christie Stone, Student Activities Graduate Assistant Jill Petrosillo and SGA Executive Vice President Hayley Eiland.

Sea Gull Women's Basketball gets in the "Pink Zone"

By Alexis Howard
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Salisbury women's basketball team (9-12, 5-7 CAC) donned pink clothing and accessories for their annual "Pink Zone" game against Stevenson University (5-16, 3-10 CAC).

Primarily all of the money raised through the Women's Basketball Coaches Association will be given to the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund.

"Kay Yow was a former women's basketball coach at N.C. State University. She passed away last January from her fourth fight with breast cancer," said head coach Charisse Mapp. "The last two years we've done this we've been able to direct it to a local organization, Women Supporting Women. Coach Yow was a mentor of mine and I worked with her

for five years," Mapp said.

SU partnered with the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer, which is a nationwide group of college students, faculty, and staff who work to apply the programs and missions of the American Cancer Society.

The Sea Gulls fought hard throughout the game, coming back in the last five minutes to post a 66-55 win.

"I think we started strong and withstood their run. They're competitors so they're not going to let us just run over them," said Mapp. "We came back and gathered ourselves and did what we needed to do. I think we did a really good job of that, and it took all ten people for that to happen."

Both teams played a very physical game, but the Gulls walked into the locker room with just a 37-34 half-time lead.

Junior guard Chante' McKinney

went on to score a team-high 16 points, while leading the team with eight points during the first half. McKinney was also perfect from the free-throw line.

Other scoring leaders included freshman forward Nicole Sisco with 14, and sophomore guards KC Curran with 11 and Glen Charlton with 10. Senior forward Kylie Hall dominated in the paint, pulling down 13 rebounds.

After the game, McKinney expressed her feelings about what playing in this game meant to her.

"I love playing in this just because cancer runs in my family, so this is a big part of my family. I know a lot of friends whose mothers have breast cancer and they are survivors. I also love participating in Relay for Life," said McKinney.

The Gulls will play their next game against Marymount on Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

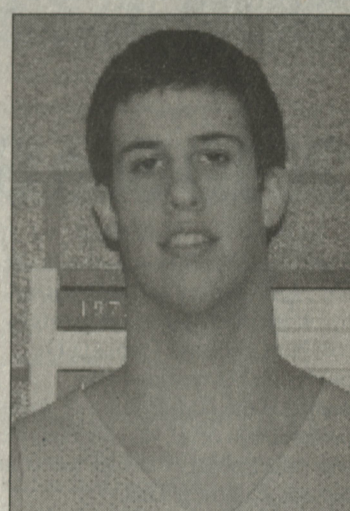


Dan Anderson photo

Sophomore guard Glen Charlton goes up for a shot during Feb. 13's Pink Zone game, which SU won 66-55 against Stevenson.

Athlete Spotlight

Chris McGrew



Dan Anderson photo
Chris McGrew

By Brian Willhide
Staff Writer

SU men's basketball player, Chris McGrew, a junior, is this week's featured athlete. McGrew is the 6'8" starting center for the 11-8 Sea Gulls. He has started every game this season, and averages 12.4 PPG, 5.8 RPG and is shooting a team-best 64.4 percent from the field. McGrew recently sat down with The Flyer to answer a few questions:

What are you majoring in here at Salisbury?
"Psychology."

What do you hope to do post-graduation from SU?
"I'd like to try to continue my playing career overseas, and then possibly become a teacher and/or coach."

What are some of your favorite hobbies/activities outside of basketball?
"I enjoy chilling, hanging out with friends, sleeping, eating and surfing."

What is one of your biggest overall life goals?
"I want to write a book and become a millionaire or billionaire, and be happy."

What is your most memorable basketball moment?
"There's just too many to choose from, but maybe hitting the game winning free throws against Hood both last year and this year."

On the court, what professional player do you model your game after?
"I'd say a mixture of Tim Duncan, Dirk Nowitzki, Pau Gasol, and a dash of LeBron."

You are one of only three players on this team to start every game this season; to what do you attribute that feat?
"My implausible resiliency and stamina; plus our great trainers Ken, Carmen, and Anna, who keep me healthy."

How do you feel about the team going down the stretch towards the CAC tournament?
"I feel great about our team. We have a very good shot at winning the CAC and even going to the tourney. We have a nice win streak going and we have already proved that we can play with anybody, having beaten the top three teams in the CAC."

This team has made great strides from last season; what do you feel like has been the biggest difference in the team from last year to this year?
"I would say our balance and team chemistry. I feel like we have one of the best starting five in the conference, and, on any given night, we can have a different player go off. We've also clicked better this year as a unit and we understand what needs to be done to win."

Men's Basketball beats rival Stevenson handily

By Therrian Dennis
Staff Writer

Led by the grit-and-hustle play of senior guard Devin Jones, the men's basketball team overcame a first-half slump and out-played conference foe Stevenson University in a 70-58 victory in Maggs Gymnasium during Alumni Day on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Jones, who finished with a game-high 23 points and three assists, helped his team dominate a contest that the Sea Gulls (12-9, 8-5 CAC) could have easily won over the Mustangs (2-21, 2-12).

"We started off real slow," said Jones. "We were making too many mistakes, not taking care of the ball. Once we caught our rhythm, we were all right."

Senior guard Greg Palmer

scored 11 of the Sea Gulls' first 16 points, but after a time-out

the Sea Gulls let go the intensity and allowed the Mustangs to come within five before tying the ball game at 31. Jones got his team's attention while in the locker room at the half.

"We've been here before," said Jones. "Once we got in the locker room, I told them, 'Look, it's close now. Let's blow it open, and we'll be fine.'"

And his team responded. The Sea Gulls opened the second half with a 10-point lead, eventually extending it to 12, and never looked back.

"I knew we had [the game] the weeks of time," said junior center Chris McGrew (19 points). "We got together at halftime, and came out with a big second half."

"I'm real happy with our team's success," said head coach Steve Holmes of his team's winning effort. "I feel the last few games we were out of rhythm."



Dan Anderson photo

Eric Johnson takes a shot against Gallaudet on Feb. 3. The Gulls won the game 64-50. For Alumni Day, the Gulls beat Stevenson 70-58. SU's record for this season so far is 12-9, and 8-5 CAC.

Swimming takes fourth and fifth place at CACs

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

The men's and women's swim teams plowed through the snow on Friday to St. Mary's College to compete in the Capital Athletic Conference championships. Due to poor weather conditions, Friday's session was pushed back from a starting time of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swimmers were unable to attend preliminary rounds and had to swim their races as timed championships in place of trials.

Both teams ended the short-

ened first day in fifth place. The men's team sat only four points behind rival York College and the women just 15 points behind Marymount University. There were several top Sea Gull performances that night, with the men's 400-yard medley relay taking bronze with a time of 3:44.63. The team was comprised of senior Mike Ferrari, sophomore Jason Preston, and freshmen Eric Robichaud and Paul Zoli, who also placed eighth in the 500-yard freestyle. Zoli hit the wall in a time of 4:58.02. Sophomore Katie Fitzreiter took sixth place in the same event with a time of

5:26.14.

The second day of competition began as normal with the preliminary round beginning at 10 a.m. The men's team moved to the fourth place position while the women's team secured their spot in fifth place, finishing 133 points above sixth place Gallaudet University.

Saturday's relays brought in a majority of the points, with both the men's and women's 200-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay teams coming in fourth place. Ferrari also found himself at the fourth place

podium after finishing the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:01.25. Sophomore Amanda Garcia had the strongest individual finish on the women's side, earning fifth place in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:11.14. On Sunday, the final day of competition, junior Katy Turner earned SU's top individual performance of the day in the 200-yard butterfly. She came in third with a time of 2:18.00, shaving three seconds from her preliminary race.

By the end of the day, the men's team finished in fourth, just one

point shy of third place. The women maintained their position in fifth place, finishing ahead of Gallaudet University but behind York College. The University of Mary Washington came out on top, with both their men's and women's teams taking first place. The Sea Gulls earned three All-CAC honors during the three-day championship meet. Turner earned the award for her third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly while the men's 400-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay received the other two awards.

XXI Winter Olympics kick off this week

By Brian Joiner
Staff Writer

Four years ago, the United States fell four medals shy and finished second to Germany in the medal count. In the coming two weeks, they look to redeem themselves and their country and finish on top in Vancouver for the 2010 XXI Winter Olympics.

Eighty-one teams from across the world will compete in fifteen different games this year. Alpine skiing, bobsledding, snowboarding, figure skating and many other winter-themed events are to take place over the Olympics.

Ski-cross is the only new event that will take place this year, it was successfully voted in at an Olympic board meeting at the end

of the 2006 year. Events such as team luge, team alpine skiing, biathlon mixed relay and mixed doubles curling did not pass their proposal in 2006 and will have to wait till after the 2010 games for their moment.

The Olympics began Saturday, Feb. 13 and will conclude on Sunday, Feb. 28, with only two events to take place the day before the closing ceremonies.

The United States have several gold medalists from previous Olympic games heading to Vancouver hoping to add a bit more "bling" to their collection. Apollo Anton Ohno (short track speed skating), Hannah Teter (snowboarding), Ted Ligety (Alpine skiing) and the "Flying Tomato" also known as Shaun White (snow-

boarding) are a few athletes who snagged gold at Rome in the XX Winter Olympics and are looking for similar results in Vancouver.

Standing in their way will be the Winter Olympic powerhouse Germany and other competitive countries such as Austria, Russia and hosting country Canada. China has yet to become as much of a dominating force in the Winter Olympics as they are in the summer games but are expected to be improving. Germany finished the 2006 games with 29 medals in total with 11 gold, 12 silver and six bronze.

As of Monday, the U.S. was leading in the medal count with six, followed by Germany with four and France with three. Hannah Tetterney took the U.S.'s only gold so far with an impressive performance Saturday night in the women's moguls. Meanwhile Ohno and John Celski took the silver and bronze, respectively, in the men's 1500-meter short track speed skating, leaving Ohno just one medal away from becoming the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian ever.

When the torch is put out at the closing ceremony, not only will many memories will have been made, but many dollars as well.

At the conclusion of the games, the city of Vancouver and other hosting regions around the city are expected to bring in an estimated \$10 billion dollars, a nice boost for a lacking economy. Russia is set to host the Winter Olympic Games in 2014.



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American Hannah Kearney claimed the gold Saturday night in Vancouver edging hometown favorite Jennifer Heil in the women's moguls finals.

New Orleans Saints win their first Super Bowl

By Fred Hobbs
Staff Writer

Super Bowl XLIV was one for the ages as the New Orleans Saints took on the Indianapolis Colts in a battle of the league's best offenses.

Both Indianapolis and New Orleans had explosive offenses with high profile quarterbacks and wide receivers, and both teams are very similar in style with passing, high scoring offenses with playmakers all over the field. However, both teams brought separate motivational circumstances with them to the Super Bowl.

For New Orleans, this was the first Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. About four-and-a-half years ago, the city of New Orleans was hit with Hurricane Katrina which wiped out the whole city, leaving millions without a home and many dead. However, the Saints took all that

the city has went through in the past years and used it as fuel towards their goal of bringing New Orleans its first Super Bowl title.

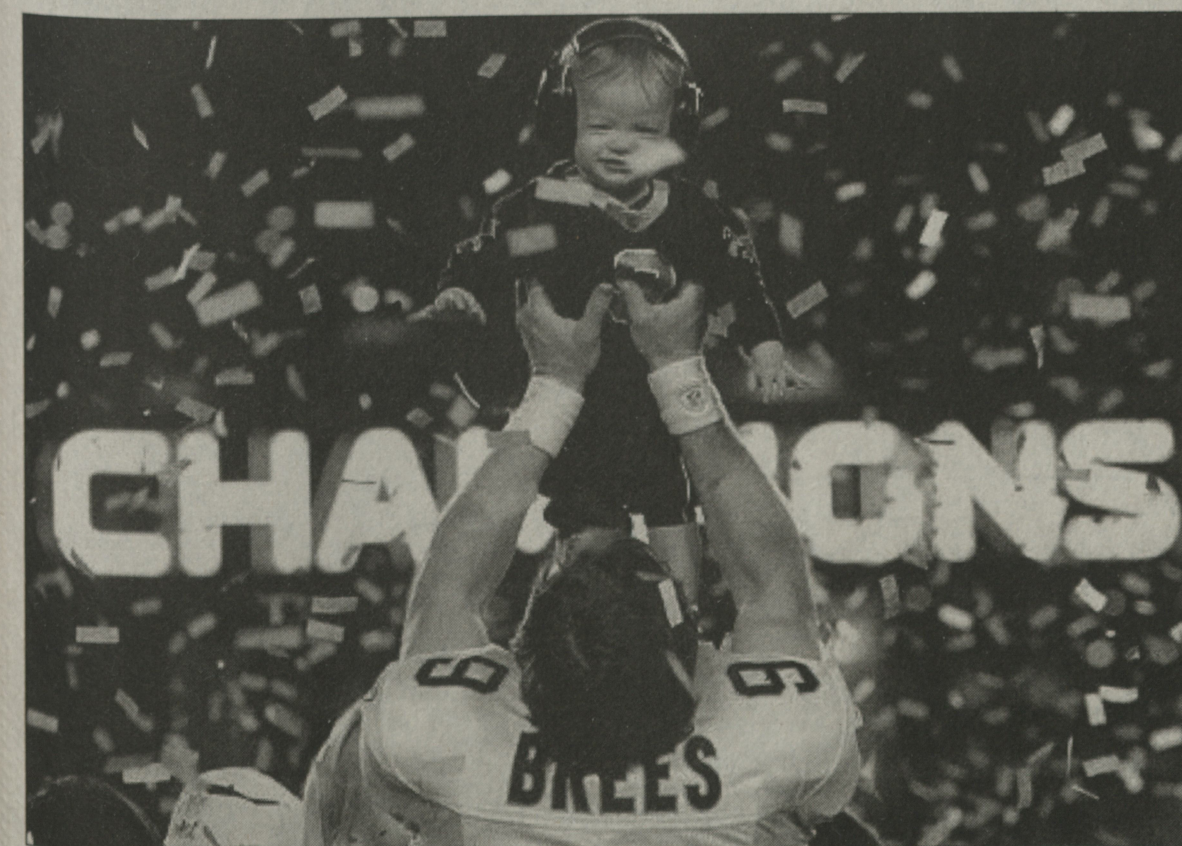
Indianapolis has been no stranger to the Super Bowl in recent years, winning the big game in 2007, and most of those key players that brought the Colts that title are still with the team. The Colts were the favorites going into the game and were fighting to establish a dynasty with the great Peyton Manning. As the game began in the first quarter, the Colts jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead over the Saints after stopping the Saints on the goal line and grabbing all of the early momentum. The Colts appeared to be cruising.

But as the second quarter progressed, so did the Saints' will to win as they held the Colts' offense in check, and put up six tough points to narrow the Colts' lead to four going into the half. In the second half the Saints

took the lead on the arm of Drew Brees' precision passing and the defenses' bend-but-don't-break mentality. At the end of the third, the Colts regained the lead and heading into the fourth quarter it was anyone's game.

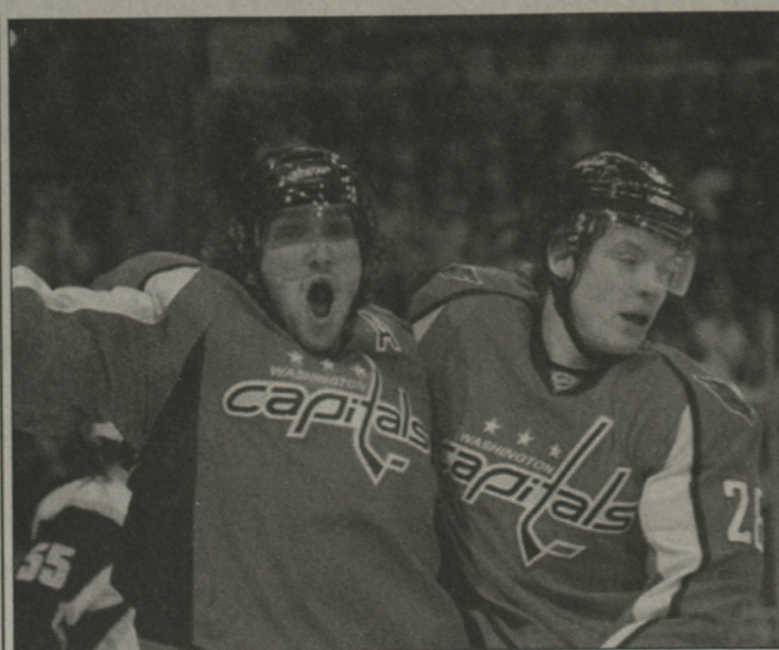
The Saints responded, scoring early to take the lead with a two yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Shockey. After the score, Indy received the ball with the opportunity to make one last push towards regaining the momentum but Saints cornerback Terry Porter made the game-changing pick-six to seal the win for New Orleans.

The MVP went to Drew Brees (288 yards and two touchdowns). A record 106.5 million people watched the Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in Super Bowl XLIV, which wrote a storybook ending to the tragedy that hit the city of New Orleans almost five years ago.



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Saints quarterback and Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees celebrates New Orleans' first-ever Super Bowl victory with his son. Brees threw for 288 yards and two touchdowns in the Saints' 31-17 defeat of the Colts.



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Newly appointed captain Alexander Ovechkin and left winger Alexander Semin have already led the Capitals to the best record in the league. Now they will try to lead the Caps to the Stanley Cup Finals.

Just how good are these Capitals?

By Brian Lomax
Staff Writer

In the Washington, D.C. area, people care about their sports. Whether it be the Redskins, Wizards, Nationals, D.C. United, or the Capitals, sports go a long way in determining the mood of the nation's capital. For a long time, the city has had to endure a championship drought that dates back to the early 1990s. Hope seems to be on the horizon, however, with the Capitals playing some of the best hockey seen in D.C. for quite some time.

Lead by superstar left winger and captain Alexander Ovechkin, the Capitals have been on a tear, winning 14 straight before losing to the Ottawa Senators on a controversial overturned Ovechkin goal.

The Caps have the best record in the National Hockey League, sitting atop the league at 41-12-6. To put the amazing run into perspective, the 14-game winning streak is the third longest in NHL history, tied with the 1929-30 Boston Bruins. The Pittsburgh Penguins have the record with 17 straight wins set in 1992-93.

So what's different about this team? For starters, naming Ovechkin captain of the squad has given the Caps a certain swagger that they haven't had in years past. His English skills kept him from assuming the position sooner, but after Chris Clark was traded, management decided that

Ovechkin's time was now. Coming into the league, the talented left winger has developed a rivalry with Penguins forward Sidney Crosby, and the two teams have fallen to the rivalry as well. The Caps defeated the Penguins twice during the win streak, including a Super Bowl Sunday victory in which Ovechkin scoring his second straight Super Bowl hat trick.

But are the Capitals for real? While their win streak is impressive, the Capitals have some problems. Goalkeeper José Théodore has good statistics (2.94 goal against average, .906 save percentage), but they don't match up well with other top keepers in the league. Also, for all of Ovechkin's offensive fire power, he doesn't play much defense, tending to commit more penalties than he should (he leads the Caps in goals, points, and penalty minutes).

Finally, the Olympics this month mean that the Caps will send a majority of their best players off to represent their countries. The games will no doubt sap the players of their energy, and fatigue could be a problem down the road.

Yet with all these things said, the Capitals have more talent than most teams in the NHL, and that talent should carry them deep into the post season, leaving many to think that this could be the year the Caps win the Stanley Cup.

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Gilbert Arenas: How the mighty have fallen

By Tom Watson
Sports Editor

In 2005-2006, Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas averaged 29.3 points per game and took the Wizards into the postseason before falling to the Cleveland Cavaliers in six games (Arenas averaged 34.0 points, five rebounds, five assists, and two steals in the series). Then Arenas signed a monster contract with the Wizards for \$111 million after averaging 28 PPG amidst chants of "MVP! MVP!" at almost every Washington home game.

With Washington a consistent contender in the Eastern Conference and Arenas one of the top guards in the game, the Wiz looked to finally win their first playoff series against rival Cleveland. Yet, over the next two seasons, Arenas played in just 15 games. Washington squeezed into the postseason in 2007-'08, with Arenas playing sparingly, and eventually lost the series in six games. In 2008-'09, he played just twice and the Wizards failed to make the playoffs.

Prone to injury, a mainstay in the media, and failing to heal his

wounds properly, many doubted Arenas' worth.

Then, in the 2009-'10 season, it was all supposed to change. The Wizards would become a contender again. Arenas was healthy, and most of the team from the playoff years were returning. Through 32 games, Arenas averaged 22.6 PPG and seven assists. The Wizards were 11-21 and struggling, losing a lot of close games. Fans and Arenas supporters were optimistic.

Then came the incident. Arenas and teammate Javaree Crittenton got into an altercation in the locker

room over a gambling debt that prompted them to pull guns on each other, and in that instant, Arenas became the next high-profile athlete to fall from grace on gun charges.

He's taking all the right steps to getting his suspension lifted and to stay out of jail, though it is impossible to overlook how far Arenas has fallen. Once hailed as the savior of the Wizards, the missing ingredient, a league MVP contender who made game-winning shots a habit, Arenas slowly let down his fans and the league.

Arenas couldn't get healthy, refused to rehab properly causing further injury, and held grudges with nearly everyone in basketball. Each of which were offenses that fans would overlook, saying, "just wait until he's healthy again," or "just give him time." But now, the question remains, not only will the fans forgive him, but will they want to?

Already a fan favorite, a character, a clutch performer and a great player, Gilbert Arenas will now have to add "reformed offender" to his resumé if he ever wants to play in the league again.

Is Kobe the greatest Laker of all time?

By Therran Dennis
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After Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant surpassed Jerry West's all-time scoring mark with 25,208 points, one question popped in the minds of basketball experts and fans alike: Is Kobe becoming the greatest Laker of all time?

Since he was drafted 13th overall as a 17-year-old in 1996 by the then-Charlotte Hornets (and later traded to the Lakers for center Vlade Divac prior to the 1996-'97 season), Kobe has been nothing short of a human dynamo, and a champion.

He impressed fans and critics alike in his rookie season of '96-'97 with his explosive play and his ability to score, which was often high-lighted by his spectacular dunking ability—he was winner of the 1997 Slam Dunk contest. He became the youngest NBA All-Star starter when, at the age of 19, he was voted in as a starting guard on the 1998 Western All-Star team and has been a regular on the All-Star team ever since, having won three All-Star MVPs.

Two years later he won the first of his four NBA Championships. His most recent was a season ago where he earned NBA Finals MVP for the first time in his career. He was the league's scoring champion from 2006-'07, and in 2008 he earned his only regular-season league MVP. In that same year he

won a gold medal in the summer as a member of the U.S. Basketball Olympic team.

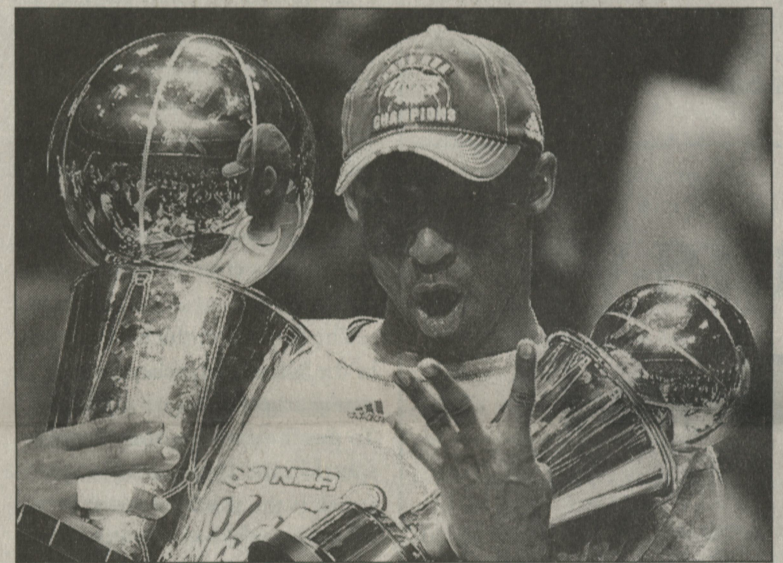
All this was accomplished as a Laker. However, despite this, some experts believe that he has a long way to go to reach the Lakers' sub-lime.

According to Bill Plaschke, sports columnist for the L.A. Times, Kobe is the "third-best Laker," and it will be "difficult" for him to surpass the likes of Lakers' greats Magic Johnson and West.

Former L.A. Times and now ESPN NBA columnist J.A. Andrande ranks Kobe at number five on the Lakers' All-time greats list,

having said that Kobe "has ascended by climbing on the shoulders of those [Laker greats] who came before him." Other analysts have compared Kobe's ranks to other Lakers' legends such as Elgin Baylor, James Worthy, and former teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

In his 14th season, he has accomplished more in a career than most in their 20th season. With ample opportunity to win more championships and earn MVPs, he could become not only the greatest Laker of all time, but the greatest player of all time. Nevertheless, this is a discussion that will remain for some time.



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Now the leading scorer in Lakers' history, Kobe Bryant, pictured here holding the 2009-10 NBA Finals trophy and Finals MVP award, makes his case against the likes of Magic Johnson and Jerry West for the greatest Laker of all time.

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Men's Lacrosse

The No. 4 men's lacrosse team won their 21st consecutive season-opener on Sunday, defeating Greensboro College 19-6, improving their all-time season-opening record to 28-9.

The Sea Gulls were led by senior attackman Jake DeLillo with five goals — tying his career-high single-game total. Sophomores Sam Bradman and Matt Cannone weren't far behind, each netting four goals and an assist in the contest. Bradman's five points are also a career high.

Mike Von Kamecke and Shawn Zordani dished out three assists apiece while senior Kevin Finn and freshman Eric Law notched a goal and an assist each. Senior Ryan Finch (8-for-13 on faceoffs), sophomores Tim Lum and Matt

Pierotti, and freshman Brandon Groux each added a goal.

Junior goalie Johnny Rodriguez made seven saves in his first victory of the season and senior Tim Swinburn made two saves, allowing no goals.

SU outshot the Pride 53-23, held a 34-24 advantage on ground balls, and were 24-25 on clears.

Tennis

This past weekend, the men's tennis team played their 13th annual Sea Gull Open.

Seven Salisbury players advanced through the first round, all in straight sets. On Saturday, assistant coach and top-seed Brendan Kincaid advanced. Senior Evan Thomas won his first match of the day 6-0, 6-1 before falling to junior

David Lupinetti 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Sophomore Daniel Barnas retired his match to Marcus Robinson due to injury. Robinson went on to lose to junior Andrew Nottage 6-2, 7-5. Senior Scott Burtzloff won his first match 6-1, 6-1 before defeating second-seeded Christopher Chiu 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

On Sunday, Kincaid was named men's singles champion for the second straight year after defeating Burtzloff in the final 6-3, 6-4.

In doubles action, head coach Randy Halfpap and Kincaid fell to top-seeded Andrew Carlson and James Peterson 6-4, 7-6 (6), while Burtzloff and Thomas defeated Chiu and Johnathon Murchison 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (4).

The finals doubles match has been postponed to the weekend of Feb. 27.

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SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-2/16	Wednesday-2/17	Thursday-2/18	Friday-2/19	Saturday-2/20	Sunday-2/21	Monday-2/22
	2:30 p.m. Baseball @ Virginia Wesleyan 6 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Wesley 8 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Wesley			TBA Men's Tennis vs. Sea Gull Invite Noon Baseball vs. Staten Island 1 p.m. Men's Lacrosse vs. Lynchburg 1 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Mary Washington 1 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ Christopher Newport 2:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Staten Island 3 pm Women's Basketball @ Mary Washington	TBA Men's Tennis vs. Sea Gull Invite Noon Baseball vs. Stevens 1 pm Women's Lacrosse vs. Hood 2:30 pm Baseball vs. Stevens	

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